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**STATUS LETTER**

We would appreciate receiving a Status Report on the above-identified application at the earliest possible date.

A review of our files indicates that the Communication dated October 27, 2006, states that prosecution was being suspended for 3 months after which applicant should make an inquiry as to the status. We filed a Status Request February 5, 2007 and March 7, 2007 to which no response was given. The applicant kindly request a status report.

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